



## REPORT OF THE YOUTH SERVICES BUREAU

The Court Diversion Program at Youth Services Bureau works with juveniles who have been charged with committing a first time offense. Referrals are made by local police departments. The goal of the program is to hold each youth accountable for his/her offense while also instilling a sense of community ownership and citizenship through acts of service. The staff at Youth Services Bureau works with the juvenile over a three to six month period to restore the harm done to the victim, to the community and to him/herself. The program also provides support for academics and aims at using the youth's strengths and interests as a tool in the diversion process. Through this program YSB strives to teach the youth about the consequences of poor choices, not only to others, but also to themselves and their families. Upon successful completion of the program the offense is permanently expunged from the youth's file.

Since 2001 Youth Services Bureau has worked with 25 juveniles from Alton in the Court Diversion Program. In addition to this program there are a number of other programs that will benefit the citizens of Alton. These programs include the Upswing Program (CHINS Diversion), Teen Court, the Challenge Course, Belknap County Family Mediation, Prime for Life, Anger Management, and Victim Empathy.

We have a positive working relationship with the Alton Police Department, Prospect Mountain High School, and the citizens of Alton. We look forward to continuing this relationship while helping the youth in your area.

Respectfully submitted,

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